Biden to Spend $1 Billion on New Coronavirus Vaccine Initiative Supported by Gates, Fauci and Republican Lawmakers

The U.S. government will spend $1 billion to prepare a vaccine to be developed in case coronavirus and its mutations, like Omicron, return, Dr. Anthony Fauci, the White House's chief medical adviser, told Congress on Tuesday.

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Dubbed "Project Nextstrike," a new initiative will serve as the successor to the Operation Warp Speed program that led to the rapid development of COVID-19 vaccines.

Similar to Operation Warp Speed, Project NextGen — with funding from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and the Wellcome Foundation — will have a public-private partnership.

According to, the project will be managed out of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), which will coordinate across various government agencies and private companies. The goal is to develop a vaccine development from launch and clinical trials in 18 months.

"Scientists, public health [sic] experts and industry partners have called for the development of new coronavirus vaccines that work better and last longer, and that new ones are needed," the first reported.

The new initiative is based on a "moonshot" for the development of new coronavirus vaccines, formulated by the University of Minnesota and led by former Biden administration officials.

A 'roadmap' for better' coronavirus vaccines

Project NextGen would receive funding from the $30 billion in the development, Fauci told Congress during a hearing on Tuesday, according to CNBC, along with six drug makers each receiving more than $1 billion, along with a promise of "early commitments" if they successfully developed a vaccine.

Project NextGen was originally to be named "Project COVID Shield," after some Republican senators called for the name to be part of "Operation Warp Speed 2.0," but the name was changed to avoid politicizing the issue.

However, "White House officials wanted some distance from the Trump effort as well as from COVID-focused efforts that could be seen as distracting from work on the pandemic," the Post reported, quoting two anonymous Biden administration officials.

The new initiative also will be "more modern," and have a "more open-ended mission" than Operation Warp Speed, which focused exclusively on COVID-19.

According to USA Today, the initial $1 billion in funding "will be financed through a transfer from coronavirus funds originally appropriated."

Amish Jha, White House coronavirus coordinator, said the new initiative has "the potential to be a game changer" in the fight against COVID-19 and the development of novel vaccines and bolstering efforts to create "broader" pan-coronavirus vaccines.

The project also includes funding for more durable monoclonal antibodies.

The name "Project NextGen," made more sense, Jha said, as it is "a different level with a different kind of goal." The name "more" is much more accurately captures what it is that we are trying to do," he said.

Michael Osterholm, Ph.D., M.P.H., director of the Center for Infectious Disease Research and Policy (CIDRAP) at the University of Minnesota, is helping lead the project.

In February, CIDRAP developed a "moonshot" for the development of "better" coronavirus vaccines. This "roadmap" serves as the basis for Project NextGen.

Osterholm was a member of the COVID-19 advisory board appointed by President-elect Joe Biden's transition team. The board was dissolved when Biden took office in January 2021.

He told the Post, "It's been very clear to us that the market on this is moving very slowly," and that "we're going to have to be more aggressive if we're to spread our bets more ... for the American people."

Previously, during a July 2021 White House coronavirus vaccine summit, Jha said:

> "We need vaccines that are more durable. Vaccines that offer broader and longer-lasting protection. Vaccines that can stand up to multiple variants. Vaccines that can handle whatever Mother Nature throws at us."

Osterholm characterized existing COVID-19 vaccines as "what the Ford group."

"There is a substantial amount of work to be done to take these good vaccines and hopefully achieve better vaccines," Osterholm said.

The Post reported that the goal is to have a vaccine ready to appear in the pipe two decades — Middle-Eastern respiratory syndrome (MERS) and severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) were the other two. According to Osterholm, it would be "great" to be prepared for a fourth new coronavirus within a span of 40 years.

Readers quoted an unnamed HHS spokesperson, who stated:

> "While our vaccines are still very effective at preventing serious illness and death, we must continue to prepare for the future of this unpredictable virus. New variants and loss of immunity over time could continue to challenge our healthcare systems in the coming years.
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> "Project NextGen will accelerate and streamline the research and development of the next generation of vaccines and treatments through public-private partnerships. Project NextGen will leverage innovative technologies that can help catalyze scientific advancement in order to develop a universal coronavirus vaccine, making sure that such efforts have been unsuccessful for influenza despite decades of efforts.

Speaking to USA Today, Dr. Paul Offit, director of the Vaccine Education Center at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, said the government should not "pick favorites" among companies, but rather offer a chance to develop the next vaccine based on progress for more than 40 years, without result.

Offit said that the effectiveness of nasal vaccines remains unclear, as they worsen in the clinical trial stage at this time. Dr. John Moore, an immunologist at Weill Cornell Medicine in New York City, told the publication that he thinks "it's seriously naive to believe that it will be successful."

He added that the emphasis on improving existing COVID-19 vaccines, which he described as "amazing," would likely prevent many deaths in the future.

Moore told USA Today that "an intranasal like this is much needed and should have been part of a plan much sooner." Adding that "Anyone familiar with vaccine development knows that translation into a practical product is a much harder and more expensive process" than the creation of a basic science.

"A lot of designs that look great in the early stages fizzle out because they don't induce the expected level of potential [to] protect," Moore said of the development of a universal flu vaccine.

Bruce Gellin, M.D., M.P.H., chief of Global Public Health Strategy at The Rockefeller Foundation, told USA Today that Project NextGen is the right way, calling for an "equivalent" to Operation Warp Speed.

According to CIDRAP, Gellin has led several federal vaccine initiatives and has been a technical advisor for groups including Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

The Gates Foundation is a partner of Gavi, The Vaccine Alliance, which in turn, closely collaborates with the GAVI Alliance, which promoted the Government Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization (GAVI) with Bill Gates, Tony Blair, Gro Harlem Brundtland, Kofi Annan and the Rockefeller Foundation.

CIDRAP received the $1 million grant in April 2020, and by October 2020, had developed a draft version of its "roadmap." According to Gellin, the plan is to combine "roadmap strategy" employed by CIDRAP for previous projects, "with the proven model of industrial flu vaccines and the development of a universal flu vaccine."

For the new "roadmap," these efforts culminated in a 61-page report, and accompanying summary, published in Vaccine journal. The plan is divided into five core areas: strategy, immunology, vaccinology, animal and human models for vaccine research, and policy and funding.

In an accompanying commentary published in the same issue of Vaccine, Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID), and Dr. Greg Poland, director of the Mayo Clinic's Vaccine Research Group, said that COVID-19 vaccines have been effective in preventing severe illness.

Hamburg was a participant in the Vaccine Threat Initiative's (VTI) Pandemic Influenza Preparedness (PIP) Framework, which "established the foundation" for marketplace outbreak in May 2022, like the at a secret meeting at the Rand Conservancy and vice president of NTI's Global Biological Policy and Program and is on the board of Gavi.

However, according to Hamburg and Fauci, there are some problems with the vaccines, including "suboptimal durability of protection against infection, short duration of protection, and technical requirements that mean that the vaccines are store and administer in remote locations and areas with low resources.

They said the next-generation vaccines must "substantially improve" on these "two methods of delivery — transdermal patches, oral or intranasal vaccines — that can be self-administered, which would be a substantial benefit and potentially block transmission," adding that this is superior to the current strategy of "chasing" new variants and developing boosters.

Hamburg and Poland said that a universal coronavirus vaccine would be very stockpile, but the road to the development of such a vaccine could take a "tiered approach," with the first vaccine "providing broad, but not complete, protection followed by developing vaccines that offer broader protection against coronavirus families.

Members of CIDRAP said in a one-hour "scientific webinar," open to the public, presenting their "roadmap."

Republican lawmakers, Fauci pressured for 'Warp Speed 2.0'

Political wrangling delayed the funding of Project NextGen, according to the Post, which reported that Republicans insisted that funds were left over from prior COVID-19 packages.

Republicans "were initially interested for coronavirus testing and other priorities" into the new initiative.

Dr. Anthony Fauci was one of the voices who "spent months pressing Congress for billions of dollars that could be used to develop a universal coronavirus vaccine for influenza," the Post reported, adding that these arguments "largely fell flat" in the face of Republican opposition.

However, according to the Post, "even some of the Republicans who blocked the money in the past have come around to the idea that it's needed now, and that it should be resurrected as soon as possible."

Dawn O'Connell, assistant secretary for Preparedness and Response at HHS, told the Post that the Biden administration learned lessons from Operation Warp Speed, including how to speed up vaccine development, and that these lessons would be applied to Project NextGen.

"We've learned a lot in these three years," O'Connell said. She added that some of the "lessons" learned from Operation Warp Speed "will be applied to whatever has launched efforts to identify potential partners in the private sector."

"We've begun surveying the landscape out there — assessing what vaccine candidates are available [and] moving through the pipeline and where are they," she said.

According to the Post, O'Connell and her team informed companies working on the development of monoclonal antibodies that the government may soon "make investments in their products."

Jha, however, refused to set a timetable for when new products developed through the stages of Project NextGen would be available to the public, the Post reported.

"The timelines are really going to be predicated on how quickly the scientific, advancements continue, and how easily we can build and manufacture efficacy and safety of these products," he said.

Project NextGen is also still without a leader, with the White House "still searching" for someone to lead the project, the Post reported, adding that Jha viewed this as "thinking" about to avoid questions of conflicts of interest that dogged Operation Warp Speed, after Trump officials selected Moderna Steven, a pharmaceutical industries with significant stock holdings "to lead that program."

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